

The Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability

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Overview

From the unique beauty of its red rock buttes to the refreshing waters of its urban lake, the Rio Salado and Papago Park region offers a rich array of cultural, historic, natural and recreational resources. With parks and museums, educational activities for children, and venues for performing arts and sporting events, the region is one of the most popular draws in the Valley of the Sun.



The cities surrounding the Papago Park area—Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe—have a sweeping vision to transform the region into a major destination that will rival the likes of Balboa Park in San Diego and Central Park in New York. The most visible investment toward this vision came with the creation of Tempe Town Lake. The numerous benefits of bringing water back to the Rio Salado include the restoration of natural habitats, new residential and economic development opportunities, and a wealth of recreational

and cultural amenities for Valley residents and visitors alike.

Since opening to the public, Tempe Town Lake has become one of Arizona's most popular attractions, now drawing more than 2.5 million visitors each year for fishing, jogging, boating, bicycling, signature events and picnics. Papago Park, adjoining Town Lake on the north, offers additional recreational opportunities, including hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, golf, softball and picnicking. Remnants of prehistoric culture and more recent history are abundant in the park, as evidenced by the Loma del Rio Archaeological Site and Moeur Park ramadas. Much of the ancient and modern history of the area is on display at the Arizona Historical Society Museum and Pueblo Grande Museum.

As a means to foster the continued success of the Papago Park region, the Rio Salado Foundation was formed in 2001. The Foundation is now in the midst of the Water Was Just the Beginning Capital Campaign to raise \$20 million through public-

private partnerships to support the construction of nine cultural and recreational projects. These projects include the Tempe Center for the Arts, Cox Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park, Arizona Boathouse and Welcome Center, Mill Avenue Community Waterfront Event Plaza, the historic Eisendrath House Center for Water Conservation and the Sandra Day O'Connor Home and Center for Civic Discourse. To donate, please visit www.supportriosalado.com

Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability

An oasis of life in a fragile, water-scarce desert, the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability weaves together the interconnected elements of the Papago Park landscape in a carefully crafted and unobtrusive setting that reflects the nature of its surroundings. The Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability honors our unique environment, our community's diverse cultures, and its rich history. The campus includes natural and built elements that together form the opportunity to demonstrate the purpose and meaning behind our community's approach to sustainability.

The Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability borders the original Papago-Saguaro National Monument. It includes the Green Line riparian area, the Arizona Historical Society Museum, the O'Connor House and Center for Civic Discourse, the Tempe Women's Club Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, the LoPiano Mesquite Bosque, Loma del Rio Hohokam Ruin, Evelyn Hallman Park, and the historic Eisendrath House and Center for Water Conservation with its associated nine acres of indigenous Sonoran Desert.

Green Line Riparian Area

A fundamental element of the campus is the lush Green Line, a natural riparian area framed with reeds, cottonwoods and native flowering shrubs. The Green Line meanders through the Campus for Sustainability, a perpetual stream that originates in the Verde and Salt rivers, and runs through the Johnny G. Martinez Water Plant. Both the Salt and the Verde contribute water to the Valley's canal system. This life-sustaining system, originally constructed by the Hohokam people millennia ago, connects us physically to the ancient past and provides the means to bring water to our current society. The Green Line tributary is a living ecosystem that provides an opportunity to observe the critical role of riparian areas in this arid desert environment.

Public contributions will help revegetate and preserve the surrounding trails, and create interpretive exhibits on riparian habitat, conservation information and education programs.

Eisendrath Center for Water Conservation



THE EISENDRATH HOUSE
An Adaptive Rehabilitation

The Eisendrath Center for Water is a Pueblo Revival-style structure. Eisendrath was designed and constructed of concrete, adobe and wood by local architect and master builder Robert Evans in 1929. Rose Eisendrath, widow of a Chicago glove manufacturer, commissioned the house after being refused accommodation at Valley resorts due to her Jewish ethnicity. Although some modifications were made after her death, and some of the adobe walls have deteriorated due to water penetration, the structure retains a high degree of integrity and is listed on the Tempe Historic Property Register. The site has been declared eligible for listing on the Nation Register of Historic Places.

The City of Tempe is restoring the property for use as a water conservation center. This will allow the house and property to serve the public as a reminder of the region's past and as a touchstone for its future as a sustainable, diverse community. A variety of interior and exterior spaces will provide opportunities for new and expanded programs in an unparalleled setting.

The Eisendrath Center will include:

- **A Tribute to Carl Hayden** – This Tempe native, Maricopa County Sheriff, State Legislator, longest-serving U.S. Congressman and Senator will be honored by interactive exhibits on water conservation and recognized for his vital role in the Central Arizona Project.
- **Rose Eisendrath Interpretive Center** – The life of this strong woman, the career of architect and master builder Robert Evans and other aspects of the history and restoration of the home and site will be described through messages and displays throughout the home and property.

- **City of Tempe's Water Conservation Program** – City offices and staff will be located at the Eisendrath Center. Residents and visitors will be able to obtain information on water conservation and other sustainable practices.

- **Additional Office and Program Space** – The restored Eisendrath House will offer classroom and meeting space in a unique setting convenient to Phoenix, Scottsdale and the East Valley, as well as Tempe and Arizona State University. Civic, educational and neighborhood organizations will be able to hold meetings, classes and other special events at the facility. A large room with ADA-accessible restrooms and a catering kitchen, as well as a smaller conference room, the east-facing terrace and the semi-enclosed courtyard will accommodate a variety of functions.

- **Convenient Parking** – Parking will be located on-site, with additional parking available nearby at the Arizona Historical Society Museum and the Johnny G. Martinez Water Treatment Facility.

Habitat of Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability

The Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability will be re-vegetated and maintained in its indigenous Sonoran desert state, with trails providing connections to the balance of the campus, including the proposed nature walk, picnic grotto and Papago Park, the Green Line riparian area, the Historical Museum and the Sandra Day O'Connor House. This provides a living laboratory of Sonoran Desert flora and fauna.

The Tempe Women's Club Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

This xeriscape garden highlights both Sonoran and Mediterranean plant palettes and provides practical ideas for backyards and workplaces. The garden also features an area that attracts hummingbirds.

Sandra Day O'Connor Center for Civic Discourse

The Sandra Day O'Connor Center for Civic Discourse is a community-based effort to relocate the original adobe bricks and the spirit of the home of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and husband John O'Connor. It will open to the public as a gathering place where groups can move beyond their differences in a beautiful desert setting and focus on the hard work of finding solutions to challenges.

The O'Connors built their Arizona home in 1957 in Paradise Valley. The adobe bricks were made of mud from the Salt River



THE O'CONNOR HOUSE
P A P A G O P A R K
at the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability

in Tempe. This home came to reflect not only a love of desert materials and landscapes but also Justice O'Connor's unique spirit and perspective on law, politics and society. Until she was appointed to the United States Supreme Court in 1981, it was where people came together to discuss issues and reach compromises that crossed party lines. In the process, friendships were created that helped make the Valley and the state a better place to live.

The house is carefully being moved, with each adobe block being hand numbered. The process of rebuilding this home in Tempe is a more than \$2 million endeavor. This act will not only preserve this historic building, it will also provide meeting space for the public and a tribute to Justice O'Connor and her family.

The Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park

The Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park facilities were designed with Mexican Hacienda architecture in mind. A beautiful courtyard is surrounded by breezeways on all sides, framed by the museum itself to the north and desert vegetation to the south, west and east. The grand entry consists of a sweeping series of low steps reminiscent of cathedral architecture. Due to the wonderful weather, shaded breezeways and overall sustainable design, the facility is in demand year-round for weddings, reunions and conventions.

The museum is open to the public; it showcases the use of water in the desert and houses thousands of documents, photographs and historical maps and artifacts related to ancient and pioneer history of the region.

Loma del Rio

From 500 A.D. to 1450 A.D., Hohokam Indians farmed along the Salt River Valley and lived in homes on both sides of the Salt River. An example of these dwellings may be found at the archeological site Loma del Rio at the west end of Papago Park. Loma del Rio, translated to "small hill by the river," is a Hohokam ruin approximately 650 years old. Stabilized and enhanced with a ramada and wheelchair-accessible path, visitors may explore the ruin at no cost.

LoPiano Mesquite Bosque

Once part of the Salt River floodplain, the 13-acre LoPiano Mesquite Bosque provided a habitat for the gathering of plants to weave baskets and make medicines. The Hohokam created an extensive desert

canal system that became the foundation for the Salt River Project canals. The earthen canal south of Loma Del Rio next to the LoPiano Mesquite Bosque is one of the oldest canals in the Valley. Water from this canal feeds into the Green Line.

Volunteers from 26 schools re-vegetated and repaired trails in the area in 1993 for horseback riding, mountain biking and walking. The bosque is named for former Tempe Mayor Dr. William LoPiano, and supports a habitat for lizards, snakes, quail, doves, roadrunners, jack rabbits, cottontails, hawks and coyotes as well as a tremendous variety of birds.

Evelyn Hallman Park

Evelyn Hallman Park, a 40-acre oasis at the northern end of the Green Line riparian area, features a pond and lush desert vegetation. The park is one of the best urban fishing habitats in the Valley and features picnic areas, benches and succulent cactus. The wide trail that surrounds the lake can be shared by walkers and runners. Visitors to this scenic desert oasis frequently spot Great Blue Herons, turtles, King Fisher birds and the magnificent Desert Big Horn Sheep roaming the buttes.

Partnerships with Vision

The most powerful element contributing to the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability is a strong tradition of long-standing community partnerships. The City of Tempe and the State of Arizona share historical and political roots that are manifested in the structures that stand side-by-side as tangible evidence of the ability of people to work together to honor the past and shape the future.

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Green Line
Riparian Overlook

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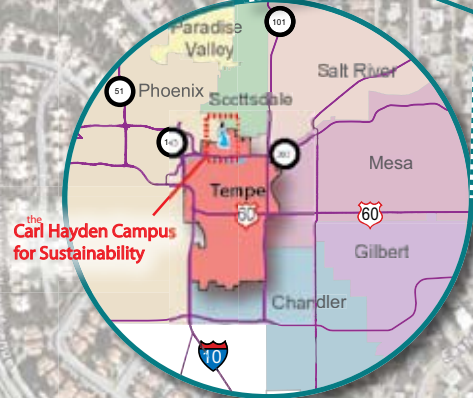
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